

Manufacturers of Aluminum Extrusions Architural Products

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To Members of the Commerce Committee:

My Name is Howard Goldfarb President of Leed Himmel Ind in Hamden, In our manufacturing and finishing of Aluminum products we use a significant amount of water which is a permitted use. We are very concerned that the DEP will propagate new rules concerning water use. That will have an adverse effect on our ability to produce our products. DEP should not be granted unbridled rule make authority with out oversight.

The state's Water Quality Standards (WQS) form the foundation for virtually all of DEP's water permitting and remediation programs. Current law requires periodic updating of the WQS but provides no state governmental process outside of DEP itself. DEP is currently proposing over 500 new or modified numeric standards.

Some of these standards will have a substantial impact on all manufacturing as well as many other businesses and economic development projects in Connecticut. Yet, DEP has complete control over the adoption of these new standards with no opportunity for administrative appeal nor legislative review (through the Regulations Review Committee).

The potential impacts of these standards are too significant, economically and otherwise, to limit the adoption/revision process solely to the DEP. Please support SB-174.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Leed Himmel Ind, Inc. Howard Goldfarb Howard Goldfarb President